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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

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Federal Communications Commission Office of Secretary

RE: CC Docket No. 00-257 Streamlined Section 64.1120(e) Letter Notification

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Hills Telephone Company, Inc. ("Hills"), pursuant to Section 64.1120(e) of the Commission's Rules, hereby furnishes letter notification that it will be acquiring from Sioux Valley Telephone Company on June 1, 2005, approximately 500 local exchange telephone service customers in the following three local telephone exchanges: Valley Springs, South Dakota; East Valley Springs, Minnesota; and North Larchwood, South Dakota.

The particulars of the transaction are:

- Names of the parties to the transaction: Sioux Valley Telephone Company (Selling 1. Carrier) and Hills Telephone Company, Inc. (Acquiring Carrier).
- Type(s) of telecommunications service(s) to be provided to the affected subscribers: 2. Local exchange telephone service.
- 3. Date of the transfer of the subscriber base to the acquiring carrier: June 1, 2005.

Hills hereby certifies compliance: (a) with the requirement to provide advance subscriber notice in accordance with Section 64.1120(e)(3); (b) with the obligations specified in that notice; and (c) with other statutory and Commission requirements that apply to this streamlined process. A copy of the advance subscriber notice mailed by Hills to the affected subscribers on April 27, 2005, is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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## NOTICE TO VALLEY SPRINGS, EAST VALLEY SPRINGS AND NORTH LARCHWOOD CUSTOMERS OF SIOUX VALLEY TELEPHONE COMPANY

Our records indicate that you are currently a local exchange telephone service customer of Sioux Valley Telephone Company. Effective on or after June 1, 2005, Hills Telephone Company dba Alliance Communications will acquire the Valley Springs, East Valley Springs and North Larchwood exchanges from Sioux Valley, and will provide local exchange telephone service over them. Hills Telephone Company is an established local exchange carrier that currently serves three Minnesota exchanges and seven Iowa exchanges in the areas near the South Dakota-Minnesota-Iowa borders.

This change in your local exchange service will be completely transparent. Your local exchange service rates will remain the same, and there will be no carrier change charges associated with the transfer. The Hills organization will provide you with high quality telecommunications service and customer service comparable to that of Sioux Valley. Billing for your local exchange service will continue to be on a monthly basis, with the only difference being that you will receive your monthly phone bill from Hills rather than Sioux Valley. Sioux Valley will remain responsible for handling and resolving any complaints submitted by you prior to the transfer date with respect to your service or bills.

This change in your local exchange service will not affect your existing long distance toll service, or your current choice of preferred long distance toll carrier or carriers.

To the extent that you have a choice among multiple local exchange service providers, you can change your preferred local exchange carrier at any time.

Please contact Hills Telephone Company at (800) 701-4980 [toll-free number] if you have any questions.